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## *IPERS Employer Bulletin 2016-1*

DATE: April 19, 2016  
TO: Reporting Officials of the Regents institutions and the Department of Human Services  
FROM: Donna M. Mueller, CEO  
SUBJECT: Employer Reporting Changes Effective July 1, 2016

Senate File (SF) 2147, passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed into law by Governor Branstad on April 6, 2016, made changes to the IPERS plan that affect reporting by IPERS employers. Employers must act by July 1, 2016, to implement the changes detailed below to accurately report their employees' wages to IPERS.

IPERS service already earned by these employees will continue to count as Regular service when calculating retirement benefits. Service earned after July 1, 2016, will count as protection occupation service.

### **REGULAR MEMBERS RECLASSIFIED AS PROTECTION OCCUPATION MEMBERS**

*Effective Date: July 1, 2016*

- **Regents Police Officers**

*Employers Affected: Iowa Regents Institutions*

Iowa Regents employees enrolled in IPERS who meet the definition of Regents Police Officers must contribute at the protection occupation rates and be reported to IPERS under Occupation Code 26 for wages paid on or after July 1, 2016.

The following new subparagraph is added to Iowa Code section 97B.49B(1)(e):

*(15) A peace officer employed by an institution under the control of the state board of regents whose position requires law enforcement certification pursuant to section 262.13.*

- **Psychiatric Security Specialists**

*Employers Affected: Iowa Department of Human Services*

State of Iowa employees who meet the definition of Psychiatric Security Specialists must contribute at the protection occupation rates and be reported to IPERS under Occupation Code 27 for wages paid on or after July 1, 2016.

The following new subparagraph is added to Iowa Code section 97B.49B(1)(e):

*(16) A person employed by the department of human services as a psychiatric security specialist at a civil commitment unit for sexually violent offenders' facility.*

### **INQUIRIES**

For further information, contact the Employer Relations Bureau at 1-877-473-7799. Please refer to IPERS Employer Bulletin 2016-1.

If your employees have questions about how this change will affect their IPERS benefits, please ask them to call 1-800-622-3849 to speak with an IPERS representative.

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